Physics Potential of a Future Large v Detector in Korea

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Physics Potential of a Few Kiloton Scale Neutrino Detector at a Deep Underground Lab in Korea

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Outline

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 - --Large Neutrino Detector, a.k.a. LSC

LSC: Liquid Scintillation Counter

- LSC Physics Program and Potentials
 - 1. Solar/Geo/Supernova Burst ν
 - 2. Dark photon Search
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Yemilab @ Handuk Iron Mine

The 1st deep underground lab dedicated to science in Korea









Fermilab Nu Seminar Oct. 19, 2023



Yemilab Construction (2017.09 – 2022.09, 60 months)

35 months



- ► 1^{st} construction (2017.09 2020.08)
 - Tunnel excavation : 70% of whole Yemilab volume
 - Building cage system
 - Purchase of surface office building

 $\sim 2^{nd}$ construction (2021.06 – 2022.09) 15 months

- LSC tunnel excavation : 30% of whole Yemilab volume
- Electricity, machinery, refuge, toilets
- Hoist, detector room, clean rooms for AMoRE-II
- Renovation of surface office



K.S. Park @Yemilab Workshop

Media Coverage on "Yemilab Opening"

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준공

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기존 실험실 10배·세계 6위 규모

강원 정선 지하 1000m에서 우주 비밀 밝힌다

기초과학연구원 고심도 지하실험시설 '예미랩' 5일 준공

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[단독] 지하 1km 아래 '거대 실험실'…그곳에 우주 비밀이 있다

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[기계신문] 과학기술정보통신부(이하 '과기정통부')와 기초과학연구원(IBS)은 5일(수) 강원도 정 예미랩 준공식을 개최했다



지하 1100m 어둠 속에서 '우주 암흑물질의 비밀' 푼다



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우주의 수수께끼 풀러 1000m 땅속으로 들어가다

(앞) 이근영 기자 + 구독 ★ 류 가⁺



You Tube 팝콘뉴스TV





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5월 강원도 정선군서 준공는 Fermilab Nu Seminar Oct. 19, 2023

[최준호의 첨단의 끝을 찾아서]IBS 지하실험연구단 정선 예미랩

The 1st Yemilab Workshop

Oct.15-18, 2022

Oct 15 – 18, 2022 High-1 Resort, Grand Hotel Convention Tower 5th floor Asia/Seoul timezone

https://indico.ibs.re.kr/event/531/architerm

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This is a Hybrid Workshop. Registered participatns will get ZOOM connection info.

Overview

Timetable

Contribution List

Registration

Participant List

Venue

Accommodation

Meals and Banquet

Gondola and Hiking

LOC

Covid Situation

Visa & Entrance to Korea

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Welcome to the 1st Yemilab Workshop!

Yemilab is the first deep underground lab dedicated to science in Korea and its construction was successfully finished recently. To celebrate the kick-off of the Yemilab, we are organizing this workshop and cordially invite world experts in underground physics. New ideas, technologies, or perspectives will be shared in this workshop.

Anyone who is curious or excited about Yemilab is very welcome to join us!

No registration fee.

Free meals for all in-person participants who register by Oct. 6 (Th).

- 10/15 (Sat): Arrival, Registration, Reception
- 10/16 (Sun): Yemilab Tour
- 10/17(M)-18(Tu): Physics Workshop, Banquet



World Underground Labs

□ <u>Yemilab</u> is the 6th largest <u>underground lab</u> in the world.



Muon Flux Comparison



Large v Detector (LSC) @Yemilab

LSC = Liquid Scintillation Counter



Yemilab Layout (Top view)

AMORE hall





LSC cavern





Candidate Detector Design



Target: 2.26 kton LS Buffer: 1.14 kton mineral oil Veto: 2.41 kton water



1200(1800,2400) x 20 inch PMTs = 20% (30, 40)% coverage

Why LS Detector?

Light yield of LS is high.

→Good energy resolution, low energy threshold →Good for physics at $O(1^{10} \text{ MeV})$

- Discovery of neutrino in 1956 was done using LS detector by Reines and Cowan's team.
- ✓ θ_{13} in PMNS matrix was discovered using LS detectors in 2012 by **Daya Bay & RENO**.
- ✓ Many sterile neutrino search experiments using reactor v use LS detector (NEOS, PROSPECT, STEREO etc).
- ✓ Borexino solar v experiment used LS detector.
- \checkmark **JUNO** is a LS detector to determine v mass ordering.

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Hertzsprung-Russell Diagram



Main Sequence Stars

- Hot \rightarrow Bright
- Cool \rightarrow Dim
- ~90% stars in universe

Understanding the Sun would provide important insights to understand Main Sequence Stars.

Solar Neutrino Production



Solar neutrino spectra



~70 billion solar v/cm²/sec @Earth

@Borexino

Solar v Experiment

LSC

Borexino (2007-2021)





x 8

Borexino Solar Neutrino Measurements

Borexino (Nature, 2018)

| Source | Count Rate [cpd/100t/d] | Comments on detection | First detection in BX |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| ⁷ Be | ~ 48 | Clear signature on the shoulder | 2007 |
| 8 B | < 1 | Small, but high energy, low background | 2010 |
| рер | ~ 3 | Weak signature on top of ¹¹ C | 2012 |
| рр | ~ 140 | Low energy, partially covered by ¹⁴ C | 2014 |
| CNO | ~ 5 | Small signal, migrating background (see talk) | 2020 |
| hep | Not measurable today | Signal too low, mostly covered by ⁸ B | never |

→ So far, Borexino is the only experiment which measured all types of solar v except *hep* v.

Borexino Solar Neutrino Measurements

Borexino (Nature, 2018)



\rightarrow Error bars are large!

New Physics with Solar Neutrinos?



→ We aim to reduce the error bars with LSC detector "Bigger & Better" than Borexino.





Borexino-measured values are used with LSC statistical error.

Solar Metallicity (Z)

The mass abundance of metals (all elements heavier than He)

pp chain

cycle

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| Year | 1998 | 2009 | 2011 | 2021 | 2022 |
|-------|-------|----------|----------|--------|--------|
| Model | GS98 | AGS09met | Caffau11 | AGG21 | MB22 |
| Z/X | 0.023 | 0.018 | 0.0209 | 0.0187 | 0.0225 |
| | HZ | LZ | LZ | LZ | HZ |

"Even a very small fraction of metals is sufficient to alter the behavior of a star completely."

- Impact the fate of a start: size, temperature, brightness, lifespan, etc.
- Solar metalicity becomes a standard for other stars' metalicity.



Geo Neutrinos



Geo & Reactor $\nu\,$ Estimations at LSC

IBD channel

ES channel



Geo-neutrinos: 60.6 ± 13.6 IBD/year Reactor-neutrinos: 460 ~ 1500 IBD/year

Geo-neutrinos are enhanced in this channel.

Solar v background: ~x2

(→ Directionality will help to remove this bkg.)

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geoneutrinos.org

SN 1987A @Large Magellanic Cloud

7:35 (UT), Feb. 23, 1987, at 50kpc



We need more precise measurement w/ more statistics.

Betelgeuse (at 131pc) could become a Supernova any time.





(Since 2019)

- SNv Community
- Astronomers (optical)

GW Community

 \rightarrow Multi-messenger

arXiv:2011.00035

Supernova Burst v Estimations @ 10 kpc



LSC is expected to observe 430~820 v events from SN burst at 10 kpc.

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Dark Photon (DP) ϕ , γ' , A'

DP is the simplest and most popular hypothetical particle in a dark sector.

- DP can mediate interaction w/ dark matter.
- DP itself can be a candidate of dark matter.
- DP can be searched via vector portal.

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4} F'_{\mu\nu} F'^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} F'_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{m_{\phi}^2}{2} A'_{\mu} A'^{\mu}$$
DP field strength tensor
$$U(1)_{\rm D} \text{ gauge field}$$

ε: "kinetic mixing" parameter

Dark Photon Search Scheme w/ LSC

DP search experiments at underground

Izaguirre, Krnjaic, Pospelov, PRD 92, 095014 (2015)



Dark Photon Production & Detection @Yemilab

<mark>e⁻ beam</mark>

"Bremsstrahlung-like" process "Dark-strahlung"



Visible Decays



Expected # of Dark Photons

Production: "dark-strahlung"

Detection : $A' \rightarrow e+e-$ or 3γ , or A' absorption



to decay signal.

$$x[1 - \exp(-L_{dec}/I_{\phi} - L_{det}/\lambda_{det})]$$

decay or absorption signal

where, L_{det} : detector length λ_{det} : DP abs. length in detector



Rough Background Estimation

Signal = Beam (ON – OFF) data

 \rightarrow # of background events in beam OFF data can affect our sensitivity

| Background types | #. BKG events (/year/1 kton fiducial vol.) | Comments |
|--|---|--|
| Solar v (⁸ B), residual, external BKG | 935 | Estimated from Borexino arXiv:1709.00756 |
| Atmospheric v | 67 | Estimated from Borexino J.Phys.Conf.Ser. 675 (2016) 1, 012014 |
| Neutrons from beam | 0 | Block w/ rocks (few meters) & 5 MeV cut |
| v (from e beam cc/nc) scattering | 0 | Negligible (10 ⁻¹⁰) |
| Total | 1002 | |

Current Limits & Future Projections



S.H. Seo & Y.D. Kim JHEP04(2021)135

Best "direct" DP search sensitivity in $M_{\phi} < 30$ MeV (10³ BKG)

 $\gamma \rightarrow A'$ Oscillations ($m_{\phi} < 1 \text{ MeV}$)

- γ —> A' oscillation @ target (Tungsten) $P(\gamma \to A') = \epsilon^2 \times \frac{m_{\phi}^4}{(\Delta m^2)^2 + E_{\gamma}^2 \Gamma^2},$ 1812.02719 1804.10777 1501.07292
- A'-> γ oscillation @ detector (Water) $P(A' \rightarrow \gamma) = \epsilon^2 \times \frac{m_{\phi}^4}{(\Delta m^2)^2 + E_{\gamma}^2 \Gamma^2} \times \Gamma L,$

where
$$\Delta m^2 = \sqrt{(m_{\phi}^2 - m_{\gamma}^2)^2 + 2\epsilon^2 m_{\phi}^2 (m_{\phi}^2 + m_{\gamma}^2)} \approx |m_{\phi}^2 - m_{\gamma}^2|, \ m_{\gamma} = \sqrt{4\pi \alpha n_e/m_e}$$

$$P(\gamma \leftrightarrow A') = \epsilon^4 \times \frac{m_{\phi}^8}{\left((m_{\phi}^2 - m_{\gamma}^{\mathrm{T}\,2})^2 + E_{\gamma}^2 \Gamma_{\mathrm{T}}^2\right) \times \left((m_{\phi}^2 - m_{\gamma}^{\mathrm{W}\,2})^2 + E_{\gamma}^2 \Gamma_{\mathrm{W}}^2\right)} \times \Gamma_{\mathrm{W}}L,$$

$$N_{\phi}^{\text{osc}} \approx N_{\text{e}} \times \int_{E_{\gamma}^{\min}}^{E_{\gamma}^{\max}} dE_{\gamma} P(\gamma \leftrightarrow A') \int_{0}^{T} dt \left(I_{\gamma}^{(1)}(t, E_{\gamma}) + I_{\gamma}^{(2)}(t, E_{\gamma}) \right)$$

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Tsai & Whitis, Phys. Rev. 149 (1966) 1248-1257 Photon flux per electron

$\gamma \rightarrow A'$ Oscillation Sensitivity



S.H. Seo & Y.D. Kim JHEP04(2021)135



Best "direct" DP search sensitivity at sub-MeV region

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Short-Baseline Anomalies: Current Status











reactor flux anomaly resolved with new input data to flux calculation

reactor spectra is there really an anomaly?

gallium anomaly unresolved, recently reinforced

LSND unresolved

MiniBooNE unresolved



Short-Baseline Anomalies: Current Status



[1] Sterile neutrino search with <u>IsoDAR</u> @Yemilab

Isotope Decay At Rest

 \rightarrow This method has never been tried!



Publications:

Cyclotron Room







Sterile v search w/ IsoDAR@Yemilab





IBD interaction



IsoDAR@Yemilab Performance

| Accelerator | $60 \text{ MeV/amu of H}_2^+$ | |
|---|--|---|
| Beam Current | 10 mA of protons on target | |
| Beam Power (CW) | 600 kW | |
| Duty cycle | 80% | |
| Protons/(year of live time w/ 100% duty) | 1.97×10^{24} | |
| Run period | 5 years | |
| Live time | 5 years $\times 0.80 = 4.0$ years | |
| Target | 9 Be with 99.99% pure ⁷ Li sleeve | |
| Neutrino creation point spread (1σ) | 41 cm | |
| $\overline{\nu}$ source | ⁸ Li β decay (6.4 MeV mean energy flux) | |
| $\overline{\nu}$ flux during 4.0 years of live time | $1.147 \times 10^{23} \ \overline{\nu}_e$ | |
| $\overline{ u}$ flux uncertainty | 5% (shape-only is also considered) | |
| Location | Yemilab | ĺ |
| Fiducial mass | 2.57 kton | |
| Distance between source and target (min-max) | 9.5-25.9 m | |
| Fiducial radius | 7.5 m | |
| IBD Detection efficiency | 100% | |
| Vertex resolution | $12 \text{ cm}/\sqrt{E \text{ (MeV)}}$ | |
| Energy resolution | $3.0\%/\sqrt{E~({ m MeV})}$ | |
| Angular resolution | under study | 2 |
| Visible energy threshold (IBD and $\overline{\nu}_e$ -electron) | $3 { m MeV}$ | |
| IBD event total (w/ 100% efficiency) | 2.02×10^{6} | |
| $\overline{\nu}_e$ -electron event total (after cuts, 34% efficiency) | 7060 | |

2 M IBD events/5 yrs ~7000 ES events/5yrs

"Detector at Yemilab" assumptions are basically consistent with "KamLAND-897 tons, but bigger (and with the *possibility* of directional reconstruction)"

Sterile v Search w/ IsoDAR@Yemilab

Possible Models & Signatures

(3+1) v

Observed/Predicted

arXiv:2111.09480 PRD 105 (2022) 5, 052009

(3+1) $v + v_s$ decay



(3+2) ν

→ IsoDAR@Yemilab can well distinguish different new physics models.

• The (<u>3+1)+decay model</u> significantly reduces the tension between appearance and disappearance experiments, improving the global-data goodness-of-fit.

1910.13456

Sterile neutrino search Sensitivity

IsoDAR @Yemilab $P(\overline{v}_e \rightarrow \overline{v}_e)$



- World-leading result
- Definite conclusion on (3+1) v or not

Advantage:

Unlike reactor/accelerator v, IsoDAR has very well defined v flux and shape.

IsoDAR@Yemilab Elastic Scattering Events



arXiv:2111.09480

[2] Sterile v search w/ radioactive sources

 $P(v_e \rightarrow v_e)$

The Borexino detector and SOX



Useful data: distance range 4 - 12.25 m (Yemilab will be better)

Source





Distance range: 7 – 22 m

LSC @Yemilab



Rough Timeline

LSC @Yemilab



Still need funding for the LSC detector. The construction depedns on when we get the funding.

Summary

□ In the new Yemilab, a <u>cavern</u> for v detector (~2.3 kton LS target) was prepared.

 \rightarrow multi-purpose detector: Solar/Geo/SN v, dark photon, sterile v, etc.

 \Box Best measurements on solar v flux might be possible.

□ 1 year operation of 100 MeV-100 kW e^{-1} beam (2x10²³ EOT): → best "direct" dark photon search sensitivity in O(1 eV) < M_{ϕ} < 30 MeV (assuming 10³ bkg events/year)

□ IsoDAR@Yemilab: best sensitivity for sterile v search in $P(v_e \rightarrow v_e)$ channel. Can test different new physics models.



- Some disagreements between MiniBooNE & MicroBooNE
- The tension between appearance
 and disappearance channels

→ Need a more complex sterile v model ?

(if new physics is indeed the source of the anomalous results)

IsoDAR@Yemilab can test more complex sterile v model.

New physics search w/ IsoDAR@Yemilab

$$g_L = rac{1}{2} + \sin^2 heta_W, \ \ g_R = \sin^2 heta_W$$

$$\left[\sin^2 2\theta_W = (4\pi\alpha)/(\sqrt{2}G_F M_Z^2)\right]$$

NSI's alter the Standard Model couplings: $\bar{g}_R \equiv g_R^e + \varepsilon_{ee}^{eR}, \quad \bar{g}_L \equiv 1 + g_L^e + \varepsilon_{ee}^{eL},$ $\sigma(\varepsilon_{ee}^{eR}, \varepsilon_{ee}^{eL}) = \frac{2m_e G_F^2 E_\nu}{\pi} \left(\bar{g}_L^2 + \frac{1}{3} \bar{g}_R^2 \right).$ (Continued...)

e- spectrum at *t* radiation length in beam target

